IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Hiroshi Tanaka et al.

Serial No.: 09/574,453

Filed: May 19, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Pham, Thierry L.

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

Total Claims	AFTER AMENDMENT 31 -	PREV. PAID FOR 20	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT = 11 = 2	RATE x \$18.00 x \$86.00	FEE DUE \$ 198.00 \$ 172.00
Indep. Claims	9 -	7	= 2	x \$86.00	\$ 172.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 370.00

A check in the amount of \$370.00 to cover the excess claim fees is attached hereto. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

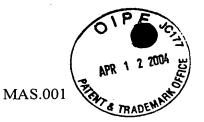
Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 16 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 18 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 19 of this paper.

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